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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 14, line 1 of the specification, the language "inv ntion" has been changed to read --invention--.

On page 26, line 1 of the specification, the language "surfac" has been changed to read --surface--.

On page 27, line 1 of the specification, the language "th" has been changed to read --the--.

On page 28, line 1 of the specification, the language "Sinc" has been changed to read --Since--.

On page 30, line 1 of the specification, the language "th phas" has been changed to read --the phase--.

On page 32, line 1 of the specification, the language "f" has been changed to read --of--.

On page 34, line 1 of the specification, the language "th t tal" has been changed to read --the total--.

On page 35, line 1 of the specification, the language "H wever" has been changed to read --However--.

On page 36, line 1 of the specification, the language "pl tes" has been changed to read

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--plates--.

On page 36, line 1 of the specification, the language "f" has been changed to read --of--.

On page 41, line 1 of the specification, the language "now," has been changed to read --now, the--.

On page 46, line 1 of the specification, the language "distanc" has been changed to read --distance--.

On page 51, line 1 of the specification, the language "assum" has been changed to read --assume--.

On page 54, line 1 of the specification, the language "regard d" has been changed to read --regarded--.

On page 55, line 1 of the specification, the language "t o" has been changed to read --too--.

On page 59, line 1 of the specification, the language "lik" has been changed to read --like--.

On page 66, line 1 of the specification, the language "f" has been changed to read --of--.

On page 69, line 1 of the specification, the language "th" has been changed to read --the--.

On page 72, line 1 of the specification, the language "lectrical" has been changed to read --electrical--.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an optical filter comprising a plurality of birefringent plates and at least one phase plate or quarter-wave plate, wherein the birefringent plates are thinner than the phase plate or quarter-wave plate, along with the other limitations recited in claims 1, 4, 7, 16, 19 and 20, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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